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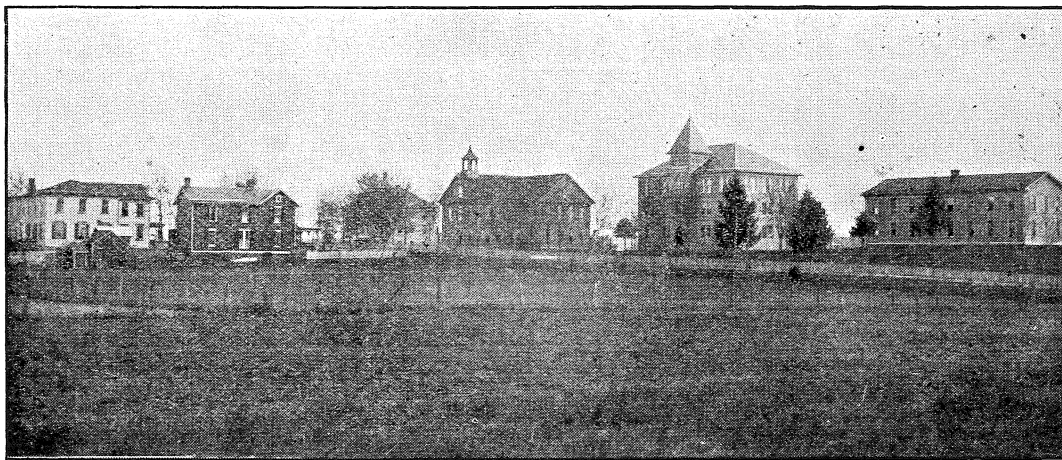
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## BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE.

To one who has never visited Bridgewater the above cut gives a very imperfect idea of the real beauty of the College grounds, and of the natural charm of their location. Even the buildings are seen at great disadvantage, as two of them are viewed from the rear, and another, the ladies' dormitory, is so far away that it does not appear much more than half its real size.

The supply of buildings and equipment has kept pace with the rapid growth of the College in recent years, the two largest buildings of the group having been erected since 1903. Just now the five College buildings provide adequate equipment, but as the school grows from year to year, more and larger buildings will soon be necessary.

The College maintains a strong faculty. Only men and women of sterling and sturdy character, who are thoroughly prepared for their work are employed as teachers. The school work is thoroughly organized. Each teacher has his particular line and is a specialist in that line. Besides this they are men and women of broad and liberal culture. Some of the institutions at which they were trained are the University of Virginia, University of Michigan, Illinois Wesleyan University, Ohio Northern University, Brown University, Northwestern University, Mount Morris, Bridgewater, Mary Baldwin, Valparaiso University, Moody Institute, and other colleges, universities and special schools.

The highest value of college training comes from personal contact with strong christian men and women.

Bridgewater College recognizes this, and leaves nothing unattempted to fill its faculty with the strongest and best teachers available. Our courses of study rank with those of the best institutions in the country. Entrance to the College Course conforms to the requirements set by the Middle States and Maryland, and our graduates enter the graduate departments of our largest and best universities.

The Preparatory course requires four years of Latin and prepares for entrance to any American college or university.

The English Scientific course is a teacher's course of high rank, and gives a liberal training of the most helpful sort. Many of the best teachers in the Shenandoah Valley are those who have completed this course.

The Music courses are strong and ably conducted. For solid work on a broad basis that cultivates high ideals, our work is not duplicated in this section of the state.

The Bible courses are well graded and well coordinated. The institution is thorough and attractive.

In the Commercial Department, the Business Course, Shorthand and Typewriting are all up to the standards of the best Commercial Colleges, and the cost of pursuing them here is only about half what it usually costs in the cities and larger towns.

Altogether Bridgewater College offers inducements in the way of equipment, faculty, environment, &c., that can not be duplicated in this section of the state. The rates are low, and it is a matter of comment that you get more for your money at Bridgewater than anywhere else.

### Notes of Commencement.

Although commencement came this year in the midst of harvest, the different exercises were attended by large crowds. The joint program of the Victorian and Virginia Lee Societies on Friday evening, June 22, was of a high order, especially when we consider that it was prepared during the period of review and final examinations. A feature of the program was the comic declamation by Elmer Roller entitled, "Jimmy Butler and the Owl."

Saturday afternoon the Class Day program was given in the chapel. This is usually one of the most interesting programs of commencement week, and it proved to be so on this occasion. The prophets and historians usually reveal facts (?) that put to the test our credulity, but there is genuine entertainment in their revelations. A novel and interesting feature of this year's program was the presentation of typical presents.

Saturday evening the Acme Society gave their final celebration before a good audience. They are not a numerous body, but their program showed work of a substantial, elevated character.

The baccalaureate sermon, Sunday evening by Pres. W. B. Yount, was listened to by a very large audience. All the available space in the chapel and annex was filled. The theme was "Character Building," and the speaker insisted on the importance of building right principles into youthful lives. For an hour he held the large audience under a spell of rapt attention.

Monday was alumni day. The annual business meeting was held in the forenoon. At one p. m. a large audience gathered in the chapel to hear the annual celebration. Prof. J. W. Wayland delivered the annual address in an able manner, and Mr. I. N. Zigler gave the response for the class. Others who took prominent part in the exercises were Prof. N. D. Cool of Winchester, Va., Dr. W. F. Driver of New Market, Va., and Miss Agnes McLeod of Bridgewater. Prof. Cool delivered a very practical address on the High School in Virginia. Dr. Driver's paper on the History of Medicine was interesting and scholarly, and Miss McLeod's recitation showed the work of a trained artist.

The alumni banquet was held in the Library at 3:30. About eighty persons surrounded the tables where suitable refreshments were served, and a number of toasts responded to. Music and recitations interspersed the speaking and added to the variety and interest. Dr. E. R. Miller was toast master.

The cantata, *Belshazzar*, was rendered in the evening by the chorus class, under the direction of Prof. Roller. This was pronounced one of the finest

musical treats heard in this part of the state in a long time. The voices were well trained, and the rendering showed that the class had been well drilled. The audience at this program was all that the chapel and commercial room could hold.

Commencement came Tuesday morning. This again was attended by one of the largest crowds. Unfortunately Prof. Yount took suddenly ill shortly before the exercises began, and was able to attend only part of the time. Prof. I. N. H. Beahm, B. E. of the class of '87, now president of Elizabethtown College, Pa., was present and delivered an address before the graduates. Many flowers and presents were received by the different members of the class. After the usual goodbyes the students and their friends left for their homes and another session came to a close.

It would be a pleasure to mention the different visitors who were present during commencement week, but for obvious reasons this is impossible.



### Inter-Collegiate Debates.

The art of debate is a rare accomplishment. To be able to think clearly and consecutively is the high aim of educational training. Perhaps no line of school work contributes so directly to the acquirement of this ability as practice in debate. One of the curses of the race has been narrowness. In debate it is necessary to look at a question from more than one point of view. In fact successful debating requires the examination of a subject from *every* point of view.

To promote the best interests of the students along this line of culture, the literary societies of the College have arranged to hold a series of three inter-collegiate debates with Western Maryland College, one in each of the next three years. The debate next session will be held here, the one the following session, at Westminster, Md., the seat of Western Maryland College, and the place of the third contest is to be determined later.

This is a move in the right direction. It will be quite a stimulus to the society work and will prove a means of general culture that must be felt for good.

Western Maryland is a high grade institution, and our young people will doubtless find her a sturdy assailant; yet we have confidence in their ability to grapple successfully with difficult situations and to master them. They have shown their power to do this in athletics, in general scholarship, in fact everywhere where they have been put to the test, why not in debate?



J. Preston Cowger, of West Virginia, has engaged a room in Wardo for next session.

### When will we Endow the College?

There is one answer to this question, the truth of which we may all be certain. The College will be endowed sometime. This is encouraging, and it tells us that none of us expects the day to come when the doors of the institution will be closed for lack of funds. If there is anywhere anyone so shortsighted as to harbor such a thought in his mind it is indeed a very fortunate thing for the heathen world, as well as for the needy of mankind everywhere, that such people do not set the pace for the world's philanthropy. The endowment of the College will come from the man that is awake to the enormity of the church's task, and the part that each individual must play in the performance of that task. Intelligent charity is what mankind needs, and it is that kind that the Savior expects. All so-called charity by no means aids in the uplift of the race. Charity may be a very expensive thing indeed, if attempted without the proper wisdom. The kind of charity that the world wants is not the kind that helps a man to supply his needs for only a day, or any other limited time; but the kind that helps the man to help himself permanently. It is true, that the endowment of the College will come from the man who is able to discern the higher and more effective form of charity, and it is of little use to ask the man, who is not able to do this, for money for an institution of learning.

The College will be endowed. But some will oppose and thereby deprive many of those to be born in the generations that are to come of the opportunity of intelligence in shaping their destiny for eternity. Colleges exist for the support and growth of intelligence. Intelligence in the guidance of the man in all of his relations in life. Can we have this without training? History tells us that we cannot. A nation without means of education is a heathen nation, not even possessing ordinary ideas of decency and without the common comforts of life.

Blood is thicker than water. We are foolish to kick against the pricks. The tide of influence in the church and in the state follows the man of mental culture.

No matter how good a man's character may be he is not going to cut much of a figure in the world, so far as influencing other men is concerned, unless he has something more than ordinary culture. Our own experience in mission work has told us that the mental and heart training must precede. Without it our missions fail.

Yes, we'll endow the College when we have learned a few more things. And we will not until we have learned them. When we get ready to do it, it is going to cost us more than now and much valuable time will be lost; but we seem willing to pay the price. Anyhow the College will certainly be endowed. If it is not, there will be no College, and the thought of such a thing is absurd.

### New Biological Equipments.

Increased facilities for teaching the Biological Sciences have long been needed by the college. That difficulty will at least be removed by the time school opens in September. A number of new Compound Microscopes have been ordered to be delivered Sept. 1. The instruments are first class in every particular, and will be valuable additions. The Biological Sciences cannot be taught with any degree of success without at least moderate laboratory equipment. It is true that some institutions pretend to do so, but they cannot succeed. We are very thankful to the friends of the cause who have made the purchase of new equipment possible by their generous donations. The needs are not all supplied however, and the invitation to contribute is still extended.



### Farmer's Institute at Roanoke.

The State Farmer's Institute that was held at Roanoke in July was very largely attended by farmers and those interested in Agriculture throughout the State. The spirit of the meeting was progressive and fine, and altogether was a high compliment to the Virginia farmers. A number of excellent addresses were made by leading farmers. These showed not only splendid knowledge of the art of farming but high intelligence and culture as well. Among the speakers who deserve special mention was Mr. W. C. Hoover, an alumnus of the College of the class of '89. Mr. Hoover's speech was well received. He also received other marks of honor at the convention. Mr. Hoover is a successful farmer and stockman of Timberville, Va., and he also writes extensively for Agricultural publications. There was a large number of old Bridgewater College boys at the convention.



### W. T. Myers at the University.

Mr. W. T. Myers, B. A., of the class of 1901, spent a day at the College recently. He is resting at his home near Broadway, accumulating strength for his work at the University of Virginia next year. Mr. Myers spent last session at the University very pleasantly and made for himself an enviable record. He was a member of the University debating team that defeated Johns Hopkins University and Washington and Jefferson College. He did all his work in a highly creditable manner, having finished the B. A. course in English Literature, and the M. A. courses in Latin and Greek. That his work was of the right kind is shown by the fact that before the close of the session he was appointed assistant in Greek for next year. This is an unusual honor, as it is seldom that a man receives such an appointment at the end of his first year at the University. Mr. Myers will finish his work for the M. A. degree next June.

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Have you seen our new catalogue? If not, write for a copy. It will interest you.

The fall term opens September 4. Prepare to enter for the full session of thirty-eight weeks.

Mrs. J. C. Myers and baby Rachel have spent most of their vacation visiting in the neighborhood of Scottsford and Broadway.

Mr. Geo. W. Shaffer, of Eastern Virginia, called at the College in July and selected a room for his daughter and her friend, Miss Kerlin.

Mr. Vance Price reports most encouraging prospects in Page county. A number of new students are expected from that section September 4.

The best legacy any parent can leave his child is a well-trained mind and heart. No reverses of fortune can remove the practical value of the one or the sustaining power of the other.

Examine our faculty on another page of this issue. Then look carefully over our courses in the catalogue, and decide that Bridgewater is the place for you. You will never regret your decision.

Miss Sylvia Burns writes that she is endeavoring to bring with her to Bridgewater in September some of her friends. We appreciate this and we hope that all old students will do likewise. You know a good thing, pass it along to other young people.

The College family is widely scattered now, and we trust all the students are having a pleasant vacation. We look forward with pleasure to the reunion on the evening of Sept. 4. Let all the old students and many new ones be present on that occasion.

Pres. W. B. Yount spent some time in the vicinity of Roanoke several weeks ago in the interest of the College. He found a fine interest in our work and a number of prospective students. For the last several weeks he has been visiting in Rockingham and Augusta counties, and he finds students wherever he goes. He thinks the prospects for the coming session are unusually good.

Geo. W. Flory and family spent some time in the neighborhood of Nokesville, Va., in July, and looked after the interest of the College in that section. He never fails to find students and direct them in the right way. He is now engaged in a series of meetings near Westminster, Maryland.

Prof. C. W. Roller spent three weeks of July in Highland and Bath counties, Virginia, and Pendleton county, West Virginia, in the interests of the College. He reports good prospects for students from that section. He is now in Shenandoah county talking Bridgewater to the young people there.

Prof. Jno. S. Flory returned from Winchester about August 1, where he had spent the month of July teaching in the State Normal. He reports an excellent session and pleasant work. After spending a few days at the College he went to Ohio and Illinois where he will spend several weeks visiting friends and resting up.

The crowd of boys that went to Wisconsin to canvas for the Royal Scroll during vacation are meeting with encouraging success. They are Fred Wampler, Harold Myers, L. S. Flora, and I. C. Sanger. They are doubtless having a pleasant as well as a profitable trip. They all expect to return to college next session, we understand.

Prof. J. C. Myers has been kept pretty close at the College since commencement. The correspondence has been unusually heavy this summer, so much so in fact that without the aid of a stenographer it would be impossible for him to handle it. If the volume of correspondence may be taken as an index, we shall have the largest opening Sept. 4 that we have yet had.

Prof. O. W. Thomas has been spending the greater part of his vacation at the Zanerian Art School, Columbus, Ohio. We were accustomed to admire his penmanship before he went away, and what he does now in the line of curls and scrolls will doubtless be of a highly artistic type. Anything far short of perfection, however, cannot satisfy his refined sense of art.

Prof. J. H. Cline attended the meeting of the State Agricultural Society at Roanoke in July, where he received new enthusiasm for work in this particular line. Students of the Agricultural Course will get the benefit of this enthusiasm after Sept. 4. He also visited the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. At this writing he is in West Virginia, looking after the interests of the College in those quarters.

## FACULTY FOR 1906-7.

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Three years' graduate work. Mt. Morris College, Bridge-  
water College, Ohio Northern University,  
University of Virginia.

English Language and Literature.

JOHN C. MYERS, B. A., Secretary.

Two years' graduate work. Bridgewater College, University  
of Virginia.

Mathematics and Chemistry.

JUSTUS H. CLINE, B. A., Curator of Museum.

One year graduate work. Bridgewater College, University  
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JAMES H. MORRIS.

Manchester College, Valparaiso University.

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M. KATE COFFMAN, B. E.

Bridgewater College.

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Matron.

## Our New Teachers.

The vacancies in the faculty for the coming session we feel have been filled most fortunately. Prof. W. I. T. Hoover, B. A., A. M., an educator of wide experience, has been secured for the chair of Philosophy and History. Prof. Hoover is a graduate of Mt. Morris College and of Depauw University, and has made a special study of historical and sociological problems and of philosophy. For several years he has held the chair of History and Philosophy in Manchester College, Ind. Formerly he was president of Lordsburg College, California, and his experience in educational work is extensive and varied. He is a minister in the German Baptist church and is a speaker of rare grace and power.

For the chair of Latin and German we have secured Allen B. Bicknell, A. B., A. M., Ph. D. of Brown University. Rhode Island. Dr. Bicknell comes to us with the highest endorsements, as to his fitness for our position in every way. He is not only an accomplished scholar but has had some four or five years experience in teaching. Last session he taught in Wenonah Military Institute in New Jersey, but resigned to accept the chair of languages in Bridgewater, where he will have more advanced work to do. He is a Christian gentleman, a hard worker, and something of an athlete, and he will be a valuable addition to our faculty.

Prof. John M. Coffman has been secured for the chair of English and Physics. Prof. Coffman won his B. A. degree at the College fifteen years ago, and has been teaching ever since. Some five years of this time was spent in the High Schools of Louisiana, with increasing success. He has been an exceedingly successful and popular teacher, and will bring enthusiasm and interest to his work. He is a minister in the German Baptist church, and is a speaker of considerable power.

Prof. James H. Morris is a native of Pennsylvania. He is a young man of broad culture and varied attainments. For a man of his age he has had a good deal of experience. During the last two years he taught in Manchester College, Ind., and at the same time did some special work along Biblical lines. He studied at Valparaiso University, and has had considerable experience in institute work. He is a practical man, and a minister of promise.

Mrs. Coffman is also an experienced teacher. She is one among the graduates of the College, and has spent a large part of her life in the class room. She is devoted to educational work, and has made a special study of Methods as applied to primary and secondary schools.

Miss Crissie M. Heddings taught for several years in the Prince William Normal, where she acquired a reputation as an unusually successful teacher. She leaves an excellent position at a good salary in Washington, D. C., to come to Bridgewater.

The College is fortunate in securing teachers so eminently fitted for their respective positions, and who have had such a variety of experience. Our faculty for the coming year is undoubtedly stronger than it has ever been before. No effort or expense has been spared to make it as efficient as possible. We are prepared to give our students as good facilities and instruction as can be secured anywhere in the state, and far better than can be found elsewhere in the Shenandoah Valley. It is not often that such an array of talent and experience is found in a college of the size of Bridgewater, but we are glad that we can offer our students such unusual facilities at a very moderate cost.

### The Matrimonial Harvest.

During the spring and summer the matrimonial harvester has been running, as usual, and from among the college people has gathered the following:

David C. Acker, of Daphna, Va., and Miss Martha Sellers, of Tenth Legion. They were married at the Stone Church, April 4, at high noon. Mr. Acker was a student of the College in the 80's and is well remembered by the students of those early days. He is now a successful farmer of near Daphna.

April 24 Miss Letitia Wampler became the wife of Charles S. Mundy, near Penn Laird, Va. Miss Wampler attended the College several years, and has been a very successful teacher for several sessions in the schools of this county.

A very pretty wedding was that of Solomon C. Wine and Miss Mamie Dillon in Bridgewater on the evening of May 2. Both Mr. Wine and his bride were students at the College several years ago and have many friends here. Mr. Wine holds a responsible position with the N. & W. Railroad Co., at Roanoke.

On the evening of May 9 Miss Nora Wine was quietly married to Mr. P. K. Shank at her home on College street, Bridgewater. Miss Wine studied here several years ago and made an excellent record as a student. She is very kindly remembered by her teachers and many of the former students.

In far away Louisiana, May 13, Prof. Arthur E. Long was married to Miss Rosa Smith, a native of that state. Prof. Long is a graduate of the music department of the College, and has been for several years director of music in the Jena Seminary, a position which he has filled with marked ability.

June 19 Miss Emma Dillion of Bridgewater became the wife of Benjamin I. Eller of Daleville, Va. Miss Dillon graduated from the commercial department of the College several years ago, and has since taught shorthand and typewriting in the Boutetourt Normal College, Daleville, Va.

COLLEGE LIFE rejoices to see the alumni marry and do well, and extends congratulations to all these young people.



The White House is undergoing a veritable change, and will emerge after the third coat of paint a white house in the fullest and most literal sense of that term.



Miss Grace L. Berlin, our popular teacher of piano and organ, spent several weeks visiting in East Radford, Va., during the month of July. The rest of the vacation she expects to spend at her pleasant home in Bridgewater.

### The Education that Counts.

The best index to the value of an educational institution is the success of its graduates. It is not how long a young man attends school or how much money he spends that determines the value of his training, but what can he do after he leaves?

The answer to this question will be conditioned very largely by two things; the ideals the young man has acquired, and the habits he has formed. If, after a few years in school, he is led to think that he has learned about all that is worth knowing, that education doesn't amount to much any way, his time spent in school is worse than wasted. The schooling that does not enlarge the students' ideals, that does not make him humble instead of arrogant; that does not awaken a real thirst for knowledge and a deep regard for the responsibilities of life is a failure, and is unworthy the name of education.

Habits, too, are a sure index to the kind of training a young man or woman has received. Habits of industry, habits of thrift and economy, indicate the right kind of moral force in the training. And there is no surer sign of the want of proper instruction than a disregard on the part of young people for the rights of others, a disposition to impose on good nature or to take advantage of their fellows. Little things like these are the cause of many failures in life.

We invite attention to the records made by our students in the various departments. There is scarcely a failure among the thousands of them. They learn how to do things, and this accounts for their uniform success. They not only fill responsible and lucrative positions in almost every business and profession in this country, but are found in like responsible posts of duty in Canada, the Philippine Islands and far away India. Come to Bridgewater. Catch the Bridgewater spirit, and put yourself in line for the best and the highest that life has to bestow.



All the buildings are being renovated and repaired. Nothing is left undone to put them in first class condition for Sept. 4.



All the rooms in Wardo on the front side are engaged, upstairs and down. There are a number of very desirable rooms yet, however, and they are being let in the order in which the applications are received.



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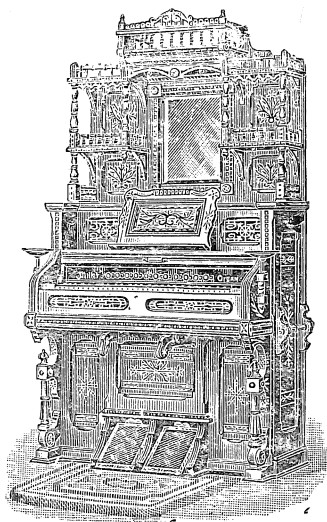
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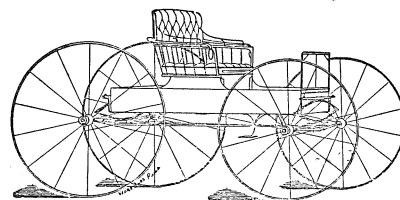
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